

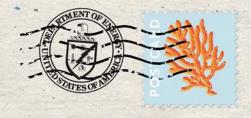
Hi again! We're snorkeling in the Indian Ocean today, looking for one of the strongest animals in the world—the tiny but fierce mantis shrimp. Shields on their tails are so resilient that scientists are studying them to improve

materials in cars and airplanes. Researchers used the X-rays

at the DOE office of Science's

National Synchrotron Light Source II user facility to better understand the tails' structure. Who knew residents of a coral reef could teach us about materials?

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